



# Chester Bethel UMC

April 21, 2023 9:30 AM

## **Sharing in Worship Leadership this morning:**

Preacher: Rev Kelly Conner  
Organist: Carmella Lynch  
Bell Choir Director: Pam Manocchio  
Special Music: The Bell Choir  
Greeter: Nancy Storer  
Usher: Dora Greer  
Worship Leader: Rich Kuc

*Altar flowers are in celebration of the birthday  
of my mother, Doreen Jones  
and to the glory of God  
by Pam & Steve Manocchio*

## **Prayer Joys and Concerns:**

H=Health; L=Loss; LT=Long Term; O=Other

Austin Long and his family as he is baptized; Ramona Harlow (LT); Sylvia Illuzzi; Jane Dean (H); Lillian Williams (H); Richard J. Steele (H); Holly Dorner (H); Donna McCormick (H); Bill Rice (H); DeBrock Family (O); Laura White (H); Allison (H); Kim Nally; Amy (H); Cecelia Steele's family (L); Gail Kracyla (H); Dominic King (LT); Jill Brownback (LT); Nancy Walker (H); Mabel & Alan Ladd (H); MaryAnn Rumford (LT); Rick Browne (LT); all peoples impacted by war.

*Please add prayer requests and updates to the list in the Narthex*



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April 21, 2024  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Announcements:

- Our Easter Season sermon series is called “Sent.” It is about the apostles’ next steps in their post-Jesus ministry, which can instruct the Church today as to our purpose and calling in the world.
- You are needed! We have a number of folks with injuries, illnesses, and urgent travel plans. If you would be willing to help as a greeter, usher, or worship leader please call the office at 475-3549; thank you!
- Daily Devotional pamphlets are available on the narthex table; free to all.
- Our next newsletter will come out in July. If you would like to highlight an issue or publicize an event, please let the office know.

### Missions Projects

- Claymont Community Center Food Closet donations in wagons.
- Baskets in Narthex: socks & toiletries for men and women.
- Good Samaritan Fund (on table): Assists with utilities, rent, etc.

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<sup>1</sup> Written by Rev. Paul Mitchell, serving in the ancestral homelands of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Palus, and Walla Walla tribes in the Pacific Northwest Conference. Accessed via [umcdiscipleship.org](http://umcdiscipleship.org).

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

Leader: How shall we live when we have more than enough?

People: **We have no greater praise to offer than caring for your creatures and all Creation!**

Leader: The earth is our teacher – nurturing and tender.

People: **In this hour, O God, nourish us in the soil of your love.**

All: **Let us worship God, the Ground of all Being.**

\*OPENING HYMN – “The Church’s One Foundation” vv. 1-3  
UMH #545

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.<sup>2</sup>**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from 1 Cor 15:1-6 and Col 1:15-20)  
UMH #888

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the head of the body, the church,**

<sup>2</sup> The Episcopalian *Book of Common Prayer*.

**and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of life, through Jesus Christ you have bestowed upon the world the light of life. Sanctify this new fire and grant that our hearts and minds may also be kindled with holy desire to shine with the brightness of the Risen Christ. Amen.<sup>3</sup>**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23  
NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 4:1-22

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Austin Long, presented by his parents, Matt Long  
& Jenny Gliem (see insert for liturgy)

PRESENTATION OF CONGREGATIONAL GIFT

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “The King of Love My Sheperd Is”  
vv. 1-3 UMH #138

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER  
THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You are invited to give in one of the following ways:*

- 1. You may place your cash or check offering into the plates we pass around at this time*
- 2. You may mail your tithes and offerings to the church office. Thank you for your donations and the ways in which you all use your gifts to work as Christ’s hands and feet in the world!*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

UMH #94

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise Him, the source of all our gifts; praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

\*CLOSING HYMN – “His Name Is Wonderful”

UMH #174

\* BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE

\*Standing, in body or spirit

*Music licensing CCLI #1642131, Streaming license CCLI #20705544*

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<sup>3</sup> From Duke University Chapel worship bulletin, April 4, 2010.